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WEATHER INDICATIONS.

Washington, March 9.—For Kansas Forecast till 8 p. m. Saturday: Generally fair; slightly warmer Saturday morning, winds becoming westerly.

It doesn't look as if anybody were going to get safely off of Tammany's Rondeau reef.

SWEET are the uses of adversity; it will result in the country getting rid of the Democratic party.

One more Pennsylvania election and the Democratic congress will pass the McKinley bill over again.

The frightened Democrats should be careful that they don't get the tariff higher than the McKinley bill.

If there's luck in horseshoes the horse ought to be the luckiest beast in the world. He wears four of them.

Now, if Queen Victoria would resign, too; England might have a chance to show what young blood could do.

WALTER WELLMAN is going to the North pole. Walter wants to go to a place where congress never meets.

The city physician should come to the relief of the sick teacher, and announce that aspergilla bags will not keep off measles.

CLEVELAND having gone out and shot something, now feels in a better frame of mind for watching the performances of congress.

THE BRAZILIAN election seems to have passed off quietly; so quietly, in fact, that nobody seems to be quite sure who is elected.

clear cut. She was betrayed into no manner of grammar; her pronunciation was up to date, as in such slippery words as "distance." Her speech and her choice of words are those of an educated woman. She quoted not only Abraham Lincoln, but Aristotle and Hegel. But not as a speaker who wished to educate her speech, but as one who had assimilated the words which were her particular purpose. On the other hand, Mrs. Louise's comments were homely simple, though that came easily to a wedged woman.

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Russia is the only country where the people have less power than here. In England, if the people vote for something, they get it; here they must do it two or three times before you believe they mean it. The system is going to make serious trouble unless there is a speedy change. Why, your Constitution is in mind of trying to put a William Penn coat on a Hindoo sleeky man!

A feature of your city life which so many people deplore is the foreign element. Why don't the people look after them and educate them? The saviors and the ward heelers do it and thus gain control of municipal affairs. Why don't the decent people do the same thing?

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Trouble will come to this country through the host of middlemen who control the producers. Of all countries in the world this is the worst in that regard. I have written my book, have paid for its printing and binding and have delivered the first edition of 30,000 to a Chicago firm. Thirteen cents a copy is all I am to get and all I want. But when I suggested that the price, 25 cents, be imprinted on the cover my dealers were horrified. Why, the publishers and agencies will have to make a profit, and the book must retail at 50 cents.

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KANSAS PARAGRAPHS.

A preacher named Pinch, carrying to get his hands on the sinners of Salina.

In Labette county the releases exceed the amount of mortgages filed by \$7,000.

Whenever a Lyons young man attends church, he is charged with wanting to get married.

A letter held for a better address at the Leavenworth Soldiers' home is addressed to a lady in "Elevenoorth county."

A man from Missouri is in McPherson ostensibly plotting assassins, but the police are watching him just the same.

The fact that a Newton man says "O tempora O Mores!" shows that this place has a striking instance of savagery.

The treasurer of the Parsons board of education will have \$8,000 surplus on hand at the end of the present term of school.

Clerks and employees at Arkansas City objected to the poultry show, because the roosters wouldn't give the gals a chance to walk.

A sure sign of spring, with a attendant wave of house cleaning at Girard, is the appearance of a vendor of patent carpet stretchers.

Following English precedent the old Gladstone hotel at Arkansas City has had to go. It will be turned into an academy and business college.

The green flag may not go in Brooklyn, but no such prejudice will keep Hottentot people from bearing "Erin's Flag" and "Three Leaves of Shamrock" St. Patrick's eve.

For stealing twenty ears of corn from a farmer, a man was arrested and lodged in jail at Emporia, but the commissioners ordered his release because of the smallness of the theft.

The reports that a Garden City man got caught in a folding bed, and a man from Dodge City had a desperate fight with a lynx, only prove the danger of living on the frontier.

The Wellington Mail tells a story of a mean man, ambitious but ignorant, that courted a school teacher till she taught him all she knew when he shook her and went to studying law.

Several children were poisoned the other day at Newton from eating prunes. If the poor things had to begin boarding while they were yet children life had little happiness in store for them.

A bilious Reflector: One lady of the city received a card a few days ago from the preacher assigned her, saying that he had been in the penitentiary six years and hoped it would make no difference. It did make a difference and she told the entertainment committee so plainly. She did not want an ex-convict, even if he had reformed. She wished she had not said anything when she found that the minister had been chaplain of the penitentiary instead of a convict.

Removed.
We have removed to our new store room at 701 Kansas avenue.

Bancock & Frost.

VOTE ON BLAND BILL.

The Senate Will Bring Matters to a Head Next Thursday.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—The senate has agreed to vote on Bland's seigniorage bill at 2 p. m. next Thursday.

When the Bland seigniorage bill came up, the pending motion was Senator Allison's motion to reconsider the last stage of proceedings, that amendments could be offered to the bill.

Senators Harris, who has been opposing the motion, said that he was willing to allow debate to continue until any day up to Wednesday of next week, but at present, was unwilling to consent that the bill should again go back to the amendment stage. Discussion followed as to the necessity of an amendment to the bill.

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DID HE STEAL THE RING?

Mrs. Julia Summers Not Prepared to Blame Her Servant Gilty.

A message was received this morning at about 9 o'clock at the police headquarters from Mrs. Julia Summers, who resides at 1122 Tyler street, saying that some one had stolen her diamond ring which she valued at \$200. Police Captain Gwin is en route to the house, asked Mrs. Summers if she suspected a colored man named James Martin.

Mrs. Summers said the man had worked for her for a number of years and that she knew him too well to believe any charge of that kind against him.

Officer Gish took Martin to one side and asked him several questions, but he denied having any knowledge of the ring. He finally admitted that he could find the ring and took Gish into Mrs. Summers' room where he reached under some pieces of furniture and brought it out. There had been no one except Martin in the room for sometime, as he always cleaned and swept it, and Gish thinks he concealed the ring in the place he found it himself.

When Gish said he must arrest Martin, the man commenced crying, but Mrs. Summers is a kind hearted lady, did not want him arrested. Her entreaties had no effect on Officer Gish, however, and he brought Martin to the police station. His case has been turned over to Justice Fury and he will have his preliminary hearing Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

AN OKLAHOMA KILLING.

OKLAHOMA, O. T., March 9.—John Mosier has been shot and killed twelve miles southeast of this city, by Jake Collins. They had been to Norman and became intoxicated. When they reached home Collins abused and beat his wife and when Mosier took her part turned on him and shot him, killing him instantly. Collins was arrested and is in jail at Norman.

A good Odd Fellow will not speak ill of his brother.

The average membership to an encampment in West Virginia is 34.

In the 11 southern states there are no less than 900 Rebekah lodges, with a membership of 45,000 brothers and sisters.

The membership of the Rebekah branch is close to 300,000.

The average membership in the Rebekah lodges in New Hampshire is 150.

Leave your orders for your Easter suits with us, they are nobly.

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One encampment in Chicago is reported to have dropped 100 members at a recent meeting for non-payment of dues.

The Manchester unit, I. O. O. F., initiated last year 47,000 new members, 23,000 of whom were under the age of 21.

Pennsylvania reports an increase of over 6,000 numbers for the past year.

New Jersey has 28,823 Odd Fellows. Seven new lodges were instituted the past year.

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